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Sir:

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1. Great Britain Patent Application No. 2 309 866, published August 6, 1997.
2. Great Britain Patent Application No. 2-309 864, published August 6, 1997.
3. European Patent Application No. 0 551 803 A1, published July 21, 1993.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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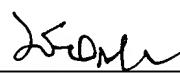
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